



## Petersburg Medical Center

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In January 2019 the Denali Commission awarded Petersburg Medical Center (PMC) a grant in the amount of \$224,000 for the development of a Master Plan to assess renovation of the existing critical care hospital versus new construction. The existing structure was constructed in the 1960's, the hospital in the 1980's, and the clinic in the 1990's. Phil Hofstetter met with Jay Farmwald of the Denali Commission with concerns about the aging facility after a Facility Condition Assessment indicated that some of the building components and systems were nearing the end of their useful life. It was also determined that any analysis of design/construction alternatives needed to consider potential program and service line changes.

In addition to the grant award amount, the Denali Commission provided the consulting services of Jay Farmwald. Mr. Farmwald assisted PMC with the write up of the Request for Proposals, which was advertised in March. He traveled to Petersburg for an initial assessment of what was needed, and on a second trip attended the initial meeting of the selection committee as a non-voting facilitator, providing guidance on the responses to the RFP to help the committee members determine those organizations selected for interviews. Mr. Farmwald was not involved in the final selection.

The RFP was advertised in March and receipt of proposals occurred in April. The Selection committee consisted of five Petersburg Medical staff members and Jay Farmwald as a non-voting facilitator. The committee scored and unanimously ranked two top firms to be invited to Petersburg for interviews in May, and a final selection of the NAC Architecture firm was made on May 29, 2019.

Throughout the process, community members were kept informed of NAC Architects' work through advertisements, social media platforms, radio spots and quarterly Community Cafes. There was a Summer Community Café that included a NAC presentation to introduce the process and discuss the inundation study. An additional meeting that is notable was a PMC and Borough Work Session on December 5, 2019 which included a presentation by NAC Architecture that unveiled the site diagrams for potential new hospital locations. The diagrams of the site selections increased community conversations significantly; engagement that PMC had been trying to obtain throughout the process.

With piqued interest in the community, it was decided that an additional push for community engagement would be timely. A Town Hall meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2020 which included a survey mailout prior to the meeting so that questions could be addressed. The meeting was well attended. To continue engagement in the long process of planning for a new facility, the survey remains on-line along with a method to submit questions. PMC also conducts quarterly Community Café meetings, although they have not taken place since the pandemic.

It was interesting that the site diagrams were the instigator for the passionate interest of the community. Ideas from this effort will continue to be used in seeking community feedback and/or participation in the future planning process of a new facility.

Communication with NAC Architecture was exceptional. During the planning process, NAC Architecture included sessions with Petersburg Medical Center's Executive Director and Leadership Team. This was especially critical in the space planning of the Master Plan. In addition, NAC CEO, Dan Jardine met with the PMC board during each of his visits to Petersburg.

The Master Plan has been completed. Copies of all documents have been uploaded to the Denali Commission grant reporting platform. All parties have been paid, and the project is now closed.

Thank you, Denali Commission, for helping Petersburg Medical Center achieve this enormous step towards Petersburg's goal for a new hospital.